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TO: Arkansas Federal Surplus Property (FSP) Donee Organizations

FROM: James H. Smith, Jr., FSP Manager

SUBJECT: NASASP Associate Membership Answer to the Question

Several have asked the following National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property (NASASP) Associate Membership question:

What's In It For Me?

Why should my organization pay membership to be an Associate Member of NASASP? Why should I take part in NASASP activities? What's in it for me?

Let me answer it this way. If you don't care about the donation program, its viability, its future, then there is nothing in it for you.

On the other hand, if you believe in the value of the program to the citizens of Arkansas, your state, and indeed to the taxpayers of the United States, your country, there is a great deal in it for you.

If you think that this program will rock along, much as it has done for 50 years and more, without the constant vigilance and labors of NASASP and its active members, you are very wrong. I can think of no period in our history when there were more forces threatening the very existence of the program than there are today. Only the fact that NASASP and its leadership are constantly monitoring developments and trends in the General Services Administration, in the Defense Department, in DRMS, and on Capitol Hill, is this program still serving the public. Only because the strength of your association is recognized by Federal policy-makers, legislators, and administrators, are we able to influence the nature of change, and change is inevitable.

The strength of NASASP resides in the dedication, professionalism, and participation of its members and Associate Members representing 56 States and Territories, and in the tireless efforts of its volunteer officers. I can assure you, that absent this strength, the donation program, as we know it, will quietly slip into history.

That is what is in it for you.

If you have joined as a NASASP Associate Member this year, we thank you for your loyal support. If you are considering membership, now is the time to act. The NASASP Associate Membership Form is attached for your convenience. The rest is left up to you.

Thank you for your loyal support regardless of membership status.

Jim



National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property, Inc. (NASASP)

Employer ID # 22-2923977

Associate Membership Application (9.19.03)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

New: _____ Renewal: _____

Make **\$35.00 membership checks** payable to: **NASASP**

Mail to:

Marla Bruder, NASASP Associate Membership Chairperson
NE Federal Surplus Property
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Membership is for one year from membership date. Remember, membership is not a requirement, but an honor. Your support is appreciated!